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Records of California Congressmen on Labor Measures.

The San Francisco Labor Council, several weeks ago, indorsed the political program of the American Federation of Labor, and instructed its Secretary to secure from President Gompers of the A. F. of L. the records of California's representatives on labor measures before Congress. President Gompers reply was read at the meeting of the Labor Council held last Friday evening, and was referred to the Executive Committee of the Council, with instructions to report a plan of campaign in harmony with the A. F. of L. political program. The Executive Committee will present a report on this matter this evening, and will recommend the indorsement of the candidacy of Theodore A. Bell for Governor of California.

The action of the Labor Council in deciding to support the political program of the American Federation of Labor is a radical departure from the policy that has governed the Council since its organization. Heretofore the Labor Council has steadfastly declined to support any candidate for political office, although it has at all times taken a decided stand for or against legislative measures directly affecting the interests of the working people. The efforts of the labor organizations of the country to induce Congress and the State Legislatures to enact remedial legislation have been, on the whole, unsuccessful. Once in a while a labor measure is enacted by a State Legislature, but in the National Congress labor's representatives have met with so many rebuffs that the conclusion was forced on the most conservative leaders of Organized Labor that a radical change of policy was necessary.

There are very many men in the ranks of Organized Labor who have long held that the working people can only secure redress of their grievances by electing to office men chosen from the ranks of the workers.

The conservative labor unionists have always opposed the third-party idea, and still oppose it.

In this division of sentiment lies the greatest danger to the success of the political policy of the American Federation of Labor.

The reply of President Gompers to the Labor Council's request for full information as to the records of California members of Congress on labor measures is as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6, 1906.

Mr. Wm. P. McCabe, 2089 Fifteenth Street, San Francisco, Cal.—DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of August 28th to hand and contents noted.

In reply would say, that the only Congressman from California who was on a committee to which bills of interest to organized labor were referred to was Congressman Gillett, who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, by which the Anti-Injunction Bill as drawn by the attorneys of the American Federation of Labor was considered. Other so-called anti-injunction bills were also considered by this committee, but were opposed by the representatives of the American Federation of Labor, for they were really in fact pro-injunction bills. The one that received the most consideration from the committee is the Little, or Administration Bill, which attempts for the first time to legalize the granting of injunctions in labor disputes. The bill indorsed by the American Federation of Labor was introduced by Representative Pearre of Maryland, a Republican. All the other Republican members

on the committee, Mr. Gillett included, were opposed to our bill, and favored the Little bill.

Another measure of interest to organized labor was the continuing in operation of the provisions of the Eight-Hour Law in the construction of the Panama Canal, and on this question Mr. Gillett was paired in favor of the amendment to abrogate the Eight-Hour Law in the construction of that work.

Some time ago what is known as Labor's Bill of Grievances was submitted to the members of Congress, with a request for a reply stating their position in the various matters enumerated therein. Mr. Gillett simply acknowledged receipt of the communication, and so far as the request to state his position was concerned, he completely ignored it.

Mr. McKinley is recorded as not voting on the proposition to abrogate the Eight-Hour Law on the Panama Canal.

Mr. Knowland voted to abrogate the Eight-Hour Law.

Mr. McLachlan voted against abrogating the Eight-Hour Law.

Mr. Smith voted to abrogate the Eight-Hour Law.

Mr. Kahn was paired. Had he not been paired he would have voted to abrogate the Eight-Hour Law.

Mr. Needham voted in favor of abrogating the law, while Mr. Hayes is recorded as not voting.

Under separate cover copies of replies from the various Congressmen that were published in the September issue of the *American Federationist* are being mailed to you. There are other replies which will be forwarded to you when ready for distribution.

Hoping that this information will be of some value to our friends in San Francisco, and with best wishes, and hoping to hear from you frequently, I am,

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL GOMPERS,
President American Federation of Labor.

DECLARATION BY PRINTERS' HOME TRUSTEES

At the session of the Board of Trustees of the Union Printers' Home, held in Colorado Springs, August 20-24, the following was adopted:

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., August 22, 1906.

The following declaration is made by the Board of Trustees of the Union Printers' Home in session assembled:

In all questions of policy relating to the conduct of the Union Printers' Home there has been no division in final action by the members of the present Board. All of the members of the Board have, by voice and vote, sought only the best interests of the institution committed to their care, both in voting as members of the Board and acting as individual Trustees. We deplore the recent unproven and therefore unjustifiable attacks on the Union Printers' Home, and we urge on the membership the condemnation of such methods; we can not too severely denounce these efforts to besmirch the fame of the institution.

We direct the attention of all of the members of the International Typographical Union to the wisdom and necessity of bringing complaints and charges to the attention, first, of the President of the Board of Trustees; then to the Board of Trus-

tees, and finally to the convention. Rigid adherence to this course will obviate in the future the attacks that in the past have threatened to seriously impede the general progress and well being of the Union Printers' Home.

We propose to conduct the Union Printers' Home in the interest of the membership generally, and in such a manner as will reflect credit on the only institution of its kind in the world.

We propose that officials, residents, and employees of the Union Printers' Home shall obey the rules laid down for their guidance.

We propose in short to conduct the affairs of the Home, in the future as in the past, as the laws of the institution provide, and in our official acts we will be guided by fealty to trade-union principles, rigid adherence to the laws of the International Typographical Union and the Home constitution and by-laws, and as we interpret our duty as Trustees, and not as others who have no official responsibility attempt to interpret that duty for us.

For the foregoing we ask the widest publicity, through publication in the *Typographical Journal* and in labor papers that have for their object the welfare, well being, and progress of the general trade-union movement.

JAMES M. LYNCH,
THOMAS MCCAFFERY,
L. C. SHEPARD,
W. J. WHITE,
THOMAS F. CROWLEY,
T. D. FENNESSY,
J. W. BRAMWOOD,

Board of Trustees, Union Printers' Home.

LABOR COUNCIL HALL ASSOCIATION

Articles of incorporation of the San Francisco Labor Council Hall Association were filed with the Secretary of State early this week. The Directors named, and the organizations which they represent in the Association are as follows: Labor Council, Wm. P. McCabe and J. J. O'Neill; Brewery Workmen, A. Siewierski; Typographical, L. Michelson; Street Carmen, R. Cornelius; Laundry Workers, Guy F. Thurber; Bakers, No. 24, J. Puntigam; Gas Workers, Geo. W. Bell, and Iron Molders, J. J. Field.

Work on the building is proceeding rapidly, and it seems certain that it will be ready for occupancy November 1st.

The Directors will meet early next week, elect officers, adopt by-laws and arrange to issue bonds to the subscribing unions. It is probable that arrangements will also be made at this meeting to apportion meeting accommodations in the building to the affiliated unions of the Labor Council.

At a conference between the boss barbers and journeymen in Omaha, recently it was decided to try the experiment of closing the shops at 7 instead of 8 p. m. On Sundays and holidays the price of a hair cut is to be thirty-five cents instead of twenty-five cents and the price of hair tonic is to be raised from ten cents to fifteen. Shaves on week days will remain at ten cents and fifteen on Sundays and holidays. The agreement is to be in force for three years.

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The regular monthly meeting of the union took
place on September 13 at Eagles Hall, 1735 Market
street, Mr. P. Johannsen in the chair. Considerable
business was transacted, including the unanimous
adoption of the standing resolution introduced at
the August meeting, reading as follows:

"Any member collecting money that is due mem-
bers, and not paying off to such members or to
either of the Secretaries within forty-eight (48)
hours, shall be fined no less than Fifty (\$50) Dol-
lars."

The October meeting of the union has been set
for the hour of 12 noon, in order to permit members
having afternoon engagements to attend and take
part in the proceedings. The report of the Price
List Revision Committee has been made the special
order of business for 12:15 p. m.

The management of the Idora Park Theater of
Oakland, has lately enlarged the orchestra by the
addition of an oboe, two French horns and an addi-
tional first violin. The action of this management in
the premises is worthy of special notice, and high
commendation, and the honor of having effected it
must be divided with Mr. Paul Steindorff, whose
efforts have been directed toward this end for some
time past. Appreciative music-lovers will undoubt-
edly hail such rare behavior on the part of any local
theatrical management with delight, and the member-
ship of the M. M. P. U. will probably indulge in the
fond hope that various other managements of places
of amusement on both sides of the bay, regarding
which report saith that the coffers of box offices are
overflowing, will profit by this splendid example of
consideration for artistic requirements and a con-
scientious regard for the satisfaction of patrons.

On Saturday evening, September 15th, Mr. Frank
Hyman was presented with a magnificent conduc-
tor's baton by the members of his band, in token of
their appreciation of his signal ability, and of the
pleasant relations that have existed between the
director and his subordinates. The presentation
speech was made by Mr. William Delany, who ex-
pressed in most felicitous phrase the sense of regard
entertained by the donors for their young director,
and the hope that a career so auspiciously begun
might continue uninterruptedly.

Members for whom money has been entrusted to
Mr. E. A. Lassale prior to April 18th, and that as
yet have not been paid such amounts, are requested
to report the fact to the Secretary, on or before
October 1, 1906.

Professor W. L. Hovey, the well known lessee and
manager of Hovey's Hall, Oakland, paid a friendly
visit to the headquarters of the M. M. P. U. on
September 15th, and was suitably entertained by the
officers and members then present. The professor's
sympathetic and courteous treatment of refugee
members of No. 6 in the dark days succeeding April
18th, has endeared him to all that are acquainted
with the facts, and assure to him the continued re-
gard of all that have knowledge of his warm-hearted
hospitality.

Dues and assessments for the third quarter (July,
August and September), are now due and payable,
and will become delinquent on and after October 1st.
The constitutional delinquency fine of 50 cents will
be charged to the accounts of members whose dues
and assessments are not paid by the end of the quar-
ter. There are two funeral assessments—Nos. 7
and 8—of 25 cents each, on account of the death of
the late members E. Quertier and E. Silva. The
total amount of the third quarter's dues and assess-
ments is \$1.50.

A press dispatch says: Navy Department officials
at Washington, D. C., are experiencing much diffi-
culty in securing machinists and other skilled help
for the navy yards of the country. Especially is this
so at the Mare Island yard. It is claimed that the
healthy condition of the labor market in San Fran-
cisco is largely responsible for this. The workmen
find better wages at the same hours than the Govern-
ment shops observe, besides the attractions of a met-
ropolitan city. Owing to the rating of machinists
at the navy yard at Vallejo, first-class mechanics in
this city for a year or more have found much diffi-
culty in getting the union scale.

The threatened strike of iron molders in the engi-
neering trade of Manchester and Southeast Lanca-
shire, Eng., has been averted. The molders, who had
demanded an immediate advance of 50 cents per
week, have accepted an advance of 25 cents now,
with a promise of an additional advance of 25 cents
in January.

The employing Sheet Metal Workers of San Fran-
cisco have voluntarily increased the pay of their
employees from \$5 to \$5.50 a day for eight hours, in
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RETAIL CLERKS

Retail Clerks, Local No. 432, at the last regular meeting admitted seven new members and have twenty-two applications on file.

Summerfield & Haines, 1071 Market street, have signed the Clerks' agreement and are thus entitled to display the Union Store Card as a strictly union store with union clerks. Mr. Haines was a charter member of Local No. 432 and has always displayed an interest in the business of the Clerks' Association. He is now compelled to resign because of becoming an employer, but takes with him the good wishes of the Clerks' Union.

Look for the Union Store Card—ask the clerk for his card. This is the slogan of the Retail Clerks.

CHAS. LEE, Secretary.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Perry L. Hedrick of Chicago has opened up a warfare on the terrible sweatshop evil which keeps 3,000 families and 10,000 persons in that city in hopeless slavery. Whole blocks, in the rooms of which the sun never penetrates, are given over to this slavery. Weary sweatshop workers sleep in these rooms by night and toil with the needle by day. Bedding which can never be aired or sunned makes the air noisome. Mildewed clothing hangs on the walls and the floors are strewn with rags, clippings and rubbish. Little children, pale as celery stalks, and without an atom of the joyous spirits of childhood, move quietly about these rooms, while their mothers and sisters toil at the "sweating" slavery which yields—at most—50 cents a week, and often not more than 20 cents.

A serious labor situation affecting the entire Burlington system developed on September 10 following the adoption of a new and radical rule by the company. The rule, which affects the engineers, establishes a standard for eyesight. Men obliged to wear glasses, by the provision of the rule, are reduced in rank and assigned to unimportant and unremunerative runs. The reduction applies to all engineers, regardless of length of service for the company.

Exclusive of seamen, the number of British workpeople reported as killed in the course of their employment during July, 1905, was 204, a decrease of 33 as compared with June, and of 136 as compared with July, 1905. The large number killed during July, 1905, was due principally to a serious coal mining accident in South Wales. The mean number for July in the year 1901-1905 was 241, the maximum year in this period being 1905, with 340 deaths, and the minimum year 1904, with 194 deaths.

The net effect of all the changes in British wages reported in July was an increase of £2,907 per week, as compared with an increase of £2,349 per week in June, 1906, and an increase of £4,557 per week in July, 1905. The number of workpeople affected was 79,188, of whom 77,159 received advances amounting to £2,977 per week, and 2,029 sustained decreases amounting to £70 per week. The total number affected in June, 1906, was 62,150, and in July, 1905, 183,337.

Representatives of the organized workers in Great Britain, accompanied by the Labor members, interviewed the Premier and Postmaster-General, to object to the large preference given to time-expired soldiers and sailors in employment in the Postal and other departments to the prejudice of the ordinary labor market. The cables state that it is reported that the reply given to the deputation was of a satisfactory nature.

Speaking in the New South Wales Assembly regarding the proposed Pure Foods bill, Labor member Thrower (an ex-Secretary of Sydney Labor Council) said that, as one who had some knowledge of factories in Sydney, he knew that there was material for any one to write a book just as alarming and just as truthful as "The Jungle," which exposed the American meat companies' factory horrors.

In its half-yearly report the Sydney (New South Wales) Labor Council states that the plain purpose and intention of Parliament in connection with the State Arbitration Act has been defeated by legal decisions and technicalities.

A resolution congratulating the International Typographical Union of America on having won the fight for the eight-hour day, was unanimously and enthusiastically carried at a recent meeting of the Melbourne (Victoria) Typographical Society.

The manner in which the bosses in Wellington, N. Z., have been trying to dodge the Arbitration Court's awards, has caused the President of that Court to threaten heavier penalties in the future.

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CHANGE IN ARBITRATION BOARD

Early this week Messrs. Cornelius and Worthington, representing the unions, and Mr. Mullally, representing the United Railroads, reached a practical deadlock in the selection of the third member of the Arbitration Board which is to pass on the demands of the Street Carmen, Electrical Workers, Stationary Firemen and Street Railroad Construction Workers for increased wages and shorter hours. The union representatives finally proposed that the Arbitration Board be composed of three men in no way connected with either party—the unions to nominate one of these men, the United Railroads another, and these two to select the third member. Mr. Mullally agreed to this plan, and it was subsequently approved by the Joint Conference of Street Railroad Employees.

The Joint Conference, by a unanimous vote, nominated Rev. Peter C. Yorke for member of the Arbitration Board, and the United Railroads has selected Francis J. Heney, the well known attorney. These two gentlemen are to meet today and will arrange for the selection of the third member of the board.

The selection of Father Yorke by the Joint Conference appears to be thoroughly approved of by the men who will be affected by the decision of the Arbitration Board.

It is understood that the cases of the four unions will be taken up by the Arbitration Board in the order in which the strikes were called, namely: Electrical Workers, Stationary Firemen, Railroad Construction Workers, Street Carmen.

The annual British Trades Union Congress opened at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, Eng., on September 3, with the largest attendance on record. Over 1,500,000 trades-unionists were represented. Thirty city Labor members of the House of Commons participated. The American Federation of Labor was represented by Frank K. Foster and Wm. Wilson. Among the earliest acts of the Congress was the unanimous adoption of a resolution of sympathy with the Russian people in their desire for a constitutional government. Pensions for everybody beyond the age of 60 years was among the proposals adopted at fourth day's session. The advocates of the resolution contended that the money necessary for the pensions could easily be raised from among the wealthy by taxing land values. Without any discussion, the Congress on the fifth day unanimously instructed the Labor members of Parliament to introduce a bill providing for the nationalizing of all railways, canals and mines in the United Kingdom.

The International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, at the convention recently held in Omaha, elected the following officers: President, Timothy Healey of New York; Vice Presidents, M. B. Flannigan of Boston, H. W. Bausch of Toledo, Thomas F. Kane, I. S. Smith of Newark, P. L. Farrell of Minneapolis, N. A. James of Washington, D. C., and Thomas Musgrove; Secretary-Treasurer, C. L. Champ of Chicago; delegates to the American Federation of Labor, Timothy Healey, J. W. Martin and C. L. Champ. The next convention is to be held in Detroit in 1908.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor held September 16, at headquarters, 835 Webster street, San Francisco, California.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p. m., President pro tem T. F. Gallagher in the chair.

Present—President pro tem, T. F. Gallagher, Third Vice-President D. D. Sullivan, Fifth Vice-President C. W. Holmquist, Sixth Vice-President Miss A. Burkhardt, Seventh Vice-President M. A. Caldwell and Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Bowling.

T. E. Zant reported that he was going to Antioch, Port Costa and Crockett for the purpose of organizing various crafts.

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From Second Vice-President S. D. Simmons, stated that on account of important business he would be unable to attend to the meeting of the Executive Council. From Ernest G. Pape, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers, stating that he had interviewed Mr. M. L. Ownes in regard to organizing Sawmill Workers in Mendocino County, etc., and that Ownes thought that a little later in the Fall would be better for organizing. From the Watch Case Engravers' International Association of America, wherein they request that we lay before the organization the Watch Makers' label, and request affiliated unions and their members to take note; request granted and communication filed. From Retail Clerks, No. 432, calling attention to the boycott on the firms of M. Hart, 1548 Fillmore street, and Dixon & Lund, 1639 Fillmore street, and request that communication be sent to the above mentioned firms; request granted and communication filed. From Francis Drake of Los Angeles, stating that on account of Fennessy being engaged in the Eight-Hour Day campaign for the Typographical Union, he would be unable to accept a position as Special Organizer for the southern part of the State under the California State Federation of Labor, but that the Labor Council had recommended L. D. Biddle for the position. Moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Los Angeles Labor Council be accepted; carried. From the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor in regard to the political program mapped out by the A. F. of L. From Edw. W. Jones, inclosing draft for \$100 covering the insurance on the office furniture and fixtures destroyed in the recent fire. From Michael Goldsmith of the Ohio Federation of Labor calling for delegates to attend the convention to be held October 2, 1906, at Akron, Ohio. From Francis Drake informing the Secretary that Mr. Biddle had accepted the position of Special Organizer in the southern part of the State, and had started to work immediately. From L. D. Biddle, acknowledging receipt of credentials as Special Organizer. From Anti-Citizens' Alliance League of Los Angeles, stating that the Globe Milling Company which has mills at Los Angeles, Colton, Woodland and San Francisco, had threatened to bring suit against the Anti-Citizens' Alliance, providing they did not cease distributing literature pertaining to the boycott which had been placed on the Globe Milling Company, located as above mentioned. From the Racine Trades and Labor Council of Wisconsin asking for financial assistance to defray the expenses of the law suit brought by the Citizens' Alliance in regard to boycotting, etc. From the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles sending copy of letter sent to M. M. Flint, Postmaster, calling his attention to the violation of the Eight-Hour law. Moved and seconded that the communication be answered and filed. From the A. F. of L., in reference to the political campaign. Referred to Organizers Communication from the International Glove Workers, No. 7, requesting that they be given assistance in organizing the Glove Workers in Alameda. Moved and seconded that communication be referred to the Organizer, C. W. Holmquist and that the organizer be instructed to proceed to Alameda County and assist the Glove Workers; carried. From J. J. Fox as to the prospects of organizing the Sugar Workers at Crockett.

From Samuel Gompers of the A. F. of L., sending label bulletins and giving prices on lots of 1000 or less. Moved that we send for 1000 label bulletins to be distributed among the affiliated unions of the A. F. of L.; carried. Garment Workers, No. 131 requested that their per capita tax be remitted for April, May, June and July, on account of the financial condition of the organization. Moved that the request be granted; carried. From the Steam Laundry Workers, No. 26, requesting the remittance of their per capita tax up to September 1, 1906. Moved that the request be denied on account of the financial condition of the Federation; carried. From the National Federation of People's Rule Sovereign League, requesting that a State convention be called under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor. Moved that communication be referred to the coming convention; carried. From the Federal Labor Union, No. 10,185, of Santa Rosa, inclosing wage scale adopted by the Federal Labor Union. Moved

that we indorse the wage scale; carried. From L. D. Biddle requesting extension of time in order to complete the work that he had taken up. Moved that he be given two weeks longer and that the Secretary forward him a check for \$50; carried. From the Eureka Federated Trades and Labor Council inclosing plank submitted to the Republican and Democratic conventions requesting the pledging of candidates to a Japanese and Korean Exclusion Act. Moved that the plank be referred to the affiliated unions. It reads as follows: "Recognizing the imperative necessity of preserving the people of our State from competition with Mongolian labor, we declare for the strict maintenance of the Chinese Exclusion Act, without modification of any kind, and for the extension of that act so as to exclude Japanese and Koreans; further, we pledge our candidates for Congress to work and vote for the passage of a bill which shall effect this latter object."

Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Bowling submitted the following financial statement from April 30, 1906, to and including September 7, 1906:

| RESOURCES. | |
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| On deposit in City & County bank..... | \$1001.08 |
| Furniture and Fixtures..... | 15.40 |
| Cash on hand..... | 69.43 |
| \$1085.91 | |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Balance on donations received for Santa Rosa unions..... | .28 |
| California S. F. of Labor present worth | \$1085.63 |
| RECEIPTS. | |
| Per capita tax received..... | \$ 794.67 |
| Donations to Federation to re-equip office.. | 165.80 |
| Affiliation fees | 8.00 |
| Insurance received from fire..... | 100.00 |
| Total | \$1068.47 |
| EXPENSES. | |
| Organizing | \$ 248.20 |
| Salary | 125.00 |
| Fent | 45.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 8.30 |
| Postage and Mailing..... | 30.49 |
| Printing | 74.50 |
| Executive Council expenses..... | 78.25 |
| Office expense | 30.95 |
| Total | \$ 640.69 |
| RECAPITULATION. | |
| Cash on hand at time of fire..... | \$ 657.85 |
| Net gain since fire..... | 427.78 |

Resources September 7, 1906.....\$1085.63
The auditing committee made the following report: "The books and statements of the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Federation were examined on September 16 and found correct."

"ANNA M. BURKHARDT,
"C. W. HOLMQUIST,
"M. A. CALDWELL.

Moved that the financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer be accepted; carried.

The following bills were read and ordered paid: 1 box paper, \$1.30; E. H. Strachan, mimeographing minutes of July 29, \$3; E. H. Strachan, folding, inserting, stamping and sealing minutes, \$1.75; postage stamps, \$2; salary Secretary-Treasurer for August, \$25; postage stamps, \$3; 500 manila envelopes, \$3.50; M. A. Caldwell, attending meeting September 16, \$6.50; Miss A. Burkhardt, attending meeting September 16, \$3.50; C. W. Holmquist, attending meeting of September 16, \$3.75; D. D. Sullivan, attending meeting of September 16, \$10; T. F. Gallagher, attending meeting of September 16, \$3.75; Organizer L. D. Biddle, advanced, \$50.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p. m.

J. H. BOWLING, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Sarah Hagan, President of Garment Workers, Local No. 131 of this city, has been elected by the United Garment Workers, delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention to be held in Minneapolis in November.

It was reported at the last meeting of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. that twenty-five national and international unions had directly contributed \$146,225 to their locals in this city for the relief of fire sufferers.

Several steam schooner owners formerly associated with the United Shipping and Transportation Association have applied for union crews of sailors, firemen, cooks and stewards during the week.

The Building Trades Council headquarters will be located at 205 Guerrero street, near Fourteenth, after next Monday.

Look out for Vista Grande.

SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

Synopsis of Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held
September 14, 1906.

Council called to order at 8:05 p. m., President Hagerty in the chair; minutes of the previous meeting approved.

CREDENTIALS—Leatherworkers—J. A. Peaterson, vice D. Montijo. Salmon Packers—V. C. MacLean, J. H. Alfonso, vice A. Sejes, L. Quesada. Laundry Wagon Drivers—H. F. McMahon, vice J. T. Connors. Delegates seated.

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From the Japanese and Korean League, in reference to Japanese being employed in the Emporium Department Store as stock clerks; also notifying Council that a special meeting will be held of the League on Sunday, at 2 p. m., at New Club Hall, Twenty-first and Howard streets. From the Salmon Packers, requesting assistance. From the A. F. of L., notifying unions of per capita tax. Referred to Executive Committee: From the A. F. of L., giving the records of the California Congressmen. From the Soap, Soda and Candle Workers, requesting boycott on the Mission Soap and Candle Works. From Garment Cutters, No. 45, requesting indorsement of wage scale. From the Amalgamated Glass Workers' International Association, with indorsement of the A. F. of L., for an appeal for funds for the striking members in Chicago.

REPORT OF UNIONS—Bartenders—Business good; union signed up many agreements with proprietors; request assistance of delegates to Council. Shoe Cutters—Have submitted new wage scale to proprietors, who have requested arbitration on the same, but as yet no definite results have been obtained. Tailors—Have succeeded in unionizing a few more clothing firms and are meeting with success, but request the delegates to report back to unions requesting membership to assist upon the union label; the trouble with the firm of Chas. Lyon & Co. still unsettled; union intends to take some definite action on next Monday evening. Butchers—Business good; new wage scale to take effect Saturday, September 15th, and request organized labor to assist them by not patronizing any shop which remains open after 8 p. m. Milk Drivers—Business good; are negotiating with proprietors on the proposition of establishing a day delivery system. Metal Polishers—Business good; increase of wages went into effect; report that 15 out of 18 shops have granted the increase; the 3 firms who have refused to grant the request are: Thos. Day Co., Golden West Plating Co. and Boesh Lamp Co. Cemetery Employees—Report that the Mt. Olivet Cemetery is the only cemetery which has refused to grant the men the eight-hour work-day. Stablemen—Progressing well; union has submitted new wage scale for \$3 to go into effect September 20th. Milkers—Business good; union agitating placing of the label on all cans, bottles, etc., and request the assistance of delegates along those lines. Waitresses—Business good; initiating many new members. Sail Makers—Business good; will make efforts to unionize all concerns. Shoe Clerks—Are protesting against the Emporium Department Store in employing Japanese stock clerks; request delegates to report back to unions not to patronize any stores employing Asiatics. Cloak Makers—Business good; boycott still on against M. Siminoff, proprietor of the Golden Gate and Pacific Cloak House.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—Recommend: 1—That the Secretary, in conjunction with the Business Agent of the Retail Clerks, interview the proprietor of the Emporium in reference to the employment of Japanese stock clerks; also furnish the Japanese and Korean League with copy of communication; concurred in. 2—That the wage scale and agreement of the Laundry Wagon Drivers lay over one week more, no committee appearing. 3—That the committee from the Salmon Packers appearing before the committee in reference to relief, be instructed to communicate with the Council under seal as to their requirements.

Representatives of the Printing Pressmen furnished the Executive Committee with copy of scale and agreement, which had been presented to the employers and went into effect on September 10th; scale filed.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—Report that no quorum was present, and therefore they were unable to transact any business. Moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to notify the members of the Organizing Committee to meet on Thursday evening, September 20th for the purpose of transacting important business now before that committee; carried.

LABOR DAY COMMITTEE—Report progress; will make final report later as to financial transactions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL CONVENTION—Committee reported as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, September 14, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the San Francisco Labor Council—FELLOW WORKERS: Your Committee appointed to urge the insertion of Japanese and

Asiatic exclusion planks in platforms of all State parties, begs to report as follows:

On Monday, September 3, 1906, Committeeman G. B. Benham appeared before the State convention of the Socialist Party in Oakland. After a warm debate lasting nearly half an hour (as to giving the floor to your representative) he was given the floor for five minutes. The Japanese were cheered by delegates during your representative's remarks, but the result was the bringing in by the Committee on Platform and Resolutions and final passage of an anti-Oriental resolution, which exhibits the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of the convention.

The Socialist resolution is as follows:

SOCIALIST RESOLUTION.

"The Socialist Party holds that the ultimate solution of the wage system lies in the political supremacy of the working class, and therefore calls upon all workers to join us in attaining that end. We recognize that a high standard of living is essential to the intelligence necessary to the overthrow of the capitalist system. So long as the capitalist system remains we stand not merely for maintenance of the present standard of living in America, but its improvement. We recognize in the competition of Oriental laborers a menace to the present standard, and an obstruction to its improvement. In defending the working class of America against the capitalist attack upon labor organizations through the importation of Asiatic laborers, we believe that we are hastening the social revolution, not only in America, but in other nations, for two reasons, viz., First—Progress in these nations is best subserved by the presence of these people at home. Second—Victory for the workers of America would enable them to aid their comrades elsewhere, and be an inspiration to them.

"We therefore pledge our candidates, if elected, to vote for laws excluding Oriental laborers while the capitalist system lasts."

On Wednesday evening, September 5th, Committeeman G. B. Benham appeared before the Committee on Platform and Resolutions of the Republican convention at Santa Cruz. Your representative was given unlimited time, and about twenty-five minutes was occupied in the presentation and discussion of the question in open session of the committee, the prevailing sentiment being of a most friendly character regarding the exclusion of Asiatics. State Senator E. I. Wolfe and Hon. H. C. Dibble, members of the committee, were interested in the matter and were of much assistance to your representative. The committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted by the convention:

REPUBLICAN RESOLUTION.

"Resolved, That we cannot but feel that in the increased influx to the Pacific Coast of Japanese and other Asiatic laborers, the people of this State are being confronted with a greater evil than that which induced them to demand and secure the passage of the so-called 'Chinese Exclusion Law'; and we now urge our Senators and pledge our candidates for Representatives in Congress to favor, support and by all honorable means secure the passage of laws similar to the present Chinese Exclusion bill, and providing for the exclusion of Japanese and all other kinds of Asiatic labor. We further insist upon the continuance and rigid enforcement of the existing Chinese Exclusion Act, and we insist that the present Asiatic people of our insular possessions shall not be permitted to come into the United States proper."

On Wednesday evening, September 5th, Committeemen John Matheson and M. P. Scott appeared before the Committee on Platform and Resolutions of the Union Labor convention. They were given every consideration, and the committee reported the following plank in the Union Labor platform, which was adopted by the convention:

UNION LABOR PLANK.

"We recommend the absolute exclusion of all Asiatics, and will hold our representatives in Congress responsible in case they fail to make every effort to carry out this demand; that they urge and, if possible, procure amendments to the Chinese Exclusion Act, to embrace all classes of Asiatics, including Japanese, and making it perpetual in operation."

On Tuesday evening, September 11th, Committeeman G. B. Benham appeared before the Platform and Resolution Committee of the Democratic State convention in Sacramento. Your representative was shown every courtesy, both by the original Committee of Fifty and the Sub-Committee of Ten. There was no sentiment expressed except for the insertion of a plank which would be most advantageous.

Ex-Congressmen Geary and Camminetti, members of the committee, lent every assistance to the exclusion cause.

The following plank was presented by the Com-

mittee on Platform and Resolution, and adopted by the convention:

DEMOCRATIC PLANK.

"Recognizing the imperative necessity of preserving the people of our State from competition with Mongolian labor, we declare for the strict maintenance and enforcement of the Chinese Exclusion Act, without modification of any kind, and for the extension of that Act so as to exclude Japanese and Koreans; further, we pledge our candidate for Congress to work and vote for the passage of a bill which will effect this latter object."

No representative of this Council appeared at the convention of the Independence League, held in Oakland. The following plank was adopted in the League's platform:

INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE PLANK.

"The best way to protect American labor is by saving it from competition with the cheap and degrading labor of Asia in our home market. Therefore, we are opposed to the immigration of Chinese, Japanese and Korean labor and demand its rigid exclusion. The Asiatic horde is a menace to the American home and a grave danger to the peace and welfare of society. We pledge our candidates for Congress to support this policy by effective legislation."

The Prohibition Party convention was held in Los Angeles, and was not visited by your representatives.

Its action upon this subject is at present unknown to your representatives.

It will be observed that all State parties of wide influence have shown a friendly interest in the exclusion movement, and we may reasonably hope for legislation favorable to the American workers and against the unfair competition of our people with the yellow and brown peoples of Asiatic origin.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. BENHAM, Chairman.

JOHN R. MATHESON.

M. P. SCOTT.

HALL COMMITTEE—Submitted the following report: "On Monday the committee met in conference with the representatives of the unions which are pledged to advance money for the hall enterprise and selected Directors for the purpose of incorporating. The following were named: Labor Council, Wm. P. McCabe and J. J. O'Neill; Brewery Workmen, A. Siewierski; Typographical, L. Michelson; Street Carmen, R. Cornelius; Laundry Workers, Guy F. Thurber, Bakers, No. 24, J. Puntigam; Gas Workers, Geo. W. Bell, and Iron Molders, J. J. Field. Articles of incorporation were filed and certificate is expected from the Secretary of the State in a few days. As soon as this is received a meeting will be held and further steps will be taken to complete the corporation. Construction of the building is proceeding rapidly and is expected to be complete and ready for occupancy on November 1st. First payment on the hall will be due next week, and arrangements have been made to meet it." Moved and seconded that the report of committee be concurred in; carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF UNEXPIRED TERMS—Executive Committee, G. W. Bell and C. B. Scully; Organizing Committee, J. O. Walsh. Moved and seconded that Secretary cast ballot for J. O. Walsh as member of Organizing Committee; carried. Chairman appointed Brothers Benham and Tracy tellers on ballot for member of Executive Committee. Vote resulted as follows: G. W. Bell, 42; C. B. Scully, 25. Chairman declared Brothers Bell and Walsh elected for the respective committees.

NEW BUSINESS—Moved and seconded that the boycott on the Belvedere Dairy, 112 San Jose avenue, be raised at the request of the Milk Wagon Drivers; carried. Moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters relative to the standing of Local, No. 85. Moved and seconded that the matter be laid on the table; carried.

RECEIPTS—Ship Joiners, \$4; Electrical Workers, \$16; Clerks, No. 432, \$6; Firemen, \$4; Garment Cutters, \$2; Waitresses, \$12; Pile Drivers, \$6; Rammermen, \$2; Lather Workers, \$4; Janitors, \$4; Press Feeders, \$6; Pressmen, No. 24, \$32. Total, \$98.

EXPENDITURES—Secretary, \$30; carfare, \$1; stenographer, \$15; W. N. Brunt, 100 copies of minutes, \$4; Brown & Power, stationery, \$9.90; postage, \$2. Total, \$61.90.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

WM. P. MCCABE, Secretary.

The Brewery Workmen desire to call the attention of Organized Labor to the fact that only beer in kegs, cases or bottles bearing the red label is strictly union made beer. Therefore, they request all to ask, whenever purchases are made, for the red label on all kegs, cases or bottles.

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By the decision of Judge Chester A. Fowler the boycott suit for \$25,000 damages brought by Baker Otto B. Schultz against the Trades Labor Council, Benjamin Dressen and others, of Racine, Wis., has been determined in favor of the former. Baker Schultz is allowed to recover damages of \$2,500 for the loss of profits from the time of the commencement of the boycotting acts up to the time of the trial, and \$3,500 in damages for the amount of injury to his business and property in relation to its selling value.

The principle of the "Open Shop" will be applied to the Postal service, according to a decision reached at the Department on August 30. The determination is that so long as the Postoffice employees conform to the rules and regulations and do not attempt to molest those who do not enter the union there will be no objection to the employees affiliating with labor organizations. It is expressly stated, however, that the department would afford the fullest protection to those who, for reasons of their own, do not see fit to join the union.

Nine firemen of the steamer Minnetonka, which arrived at Gravesend, Eng., on August 13, were charged in the Police Court with conspiring to impede the vessel's passage from New York. The men complained of the quality of the food, and a representative of the company alleges that as a protest they deliberately reduced the steam pressure.

Three hundred freight handlers struck at Duluth, Minn., recently for thirty-five cents an hour and recognition of their union. The Northern Pacific is offering thirty-five cents an hour for men to handle freight in and out of boats at its docks, but the road is understood to be opposed to the union recognition.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney gave an encouraging reply to the deputation advocating the erection of workmen's dwellings in certain parts of that city.

Alien tailors in London who struck against the sweating they were subjected to, have resumed work, a settlement of the dispute having been fixed up.

Chinese furniture trade workers in Victoria, Australia, outnumber the Europeans by 688 to 140.

Auckland (N. Z.) coachbuilders' employees have been awarded a 47-hour week, a minimum wage of 1s 2d per hour for competent journeymen, and preference to unionists. Their fellow craftsmen in Brisbane are working under considerably worse conditions than these, owing to being unorganized and the want of an up-to-date arbitration act.

President Fallieres of France on August 30 signed a decree bringing the compulsory weekly rest-day law into operation on September 1. There is much interest attached to the attitude the restaurant keepers and cafe proprietors will take, and whether they will carry out their threat to close all their establishments Sunday.

Charles Yip Tin, the Pierpont Morgan of China, who is in the United States investigating the operation of the American railway systems, says that the effort of the Panama Canal Commission to secure Chinese labor for the Canal will fail, owing to the feeling of China against the Exclusion laws.

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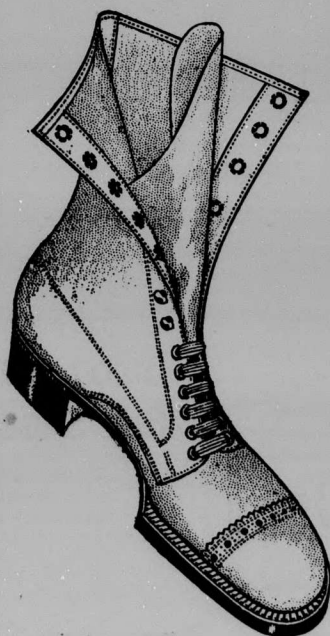
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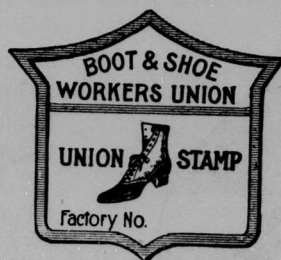
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